

Application/Control No.: 10/578,801
Examiner: Lori Baker Amerson

REMARKS

In the Office Action at page 2, paragraph 1, the Examiner indicated that the requirement for an election of species was made final. Claims 17-23 and 25 and 26 have been withdrawn. Applicant understands that the requirement has been made final.

In the Office Action at page 2, paragraph 2, the Examiner objected to the specification, as filed, because the abstract was not filed on a separate sheet and the specification did not contain section headings.

In response Applicant has submitted the abstract, as filed, on a separate sheet and amended the specification to add the required section headings. Reconsideration is requested.

In addition, the reference to Claim 1 at page 3, line 9, has been deleted and the substance of Claim 1 has been inserted.

In the Office Action at page 3, paragraphs 3 and 4, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11-13, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McBride et al. In the Office Action at page 3, paragraph 5 the Examiner objected to Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 24 as being dependent on a rejected based claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the limitations of original dependent Claim 2 and cancelled original Claim 2. Therefore, Applicant believes that Claim 1 is now in allowable form.

As amended Claim 1 is now in allowable form, Applicant believes that original Claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 24 which are all dependent on amended Claim 1 are now in allowable form. Likewise as original Claims 5, 6, and 14 which depend from Claim 4 which is dependent on Claim 1, Applicant believes these claims are now in allowable form. Finally, original Claim 8 depends from Claim 5, which depends from Claim 4, which depends from Claim 1 and therefore, is now in allowable form.

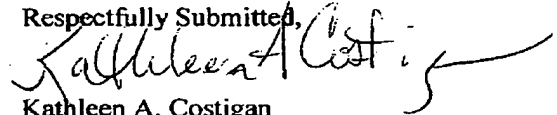
In the specification at page 3, lines

It is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned with any questions.

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An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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